Shortage of doctors and medical staff

2032. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint study has been conducted by FICCI-Ernest and Young on Indian Healthcare Scenario and predicted a short-fall of 45,000 doctors and 3,50,000 paramedics by 2012;

(b) if so, whether this would have an adverse impact on the health-care system in the country especially in rural areas; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expand the facilities for medical education and health related services?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The Joint Study conducted by FICCI-Ernest and Yung on Indian Healthcare Scenario has predicted a short-fall of 4,53,785 doctors and 12,90,174 nurses in India by 2012. In order to expand the facilities of Medical Education and health related services, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) the Government has decided to set up six AIIMS like institutions in under-served-States and also to upgrade 13 existing Government Medical College/Institutions in ten States. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), all PHCs are strengthened by upgrading single doctor PHC to 2 doctors PHC by posing of AYUSH practitioner and skilled nurses at PHC level. The States are encouraged to appoint doctors, specialists and paramedics on contractual basis. Multi-skill training of doctors and in-service training of ANMs/Nurses is being done. The States have been requested to strengthen their nursing cadre. Requirement of funds for establishment/strengthening of nursing and ANM schools, as incorporated in the PIP of some States under NRHM (2006-07) has been approved.

Rocky Mountain disease

2033. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of the disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever reported in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such patients; and